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Ha-i-kyuu!!

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The Reliable Rookies



For Sawamura Daichi, his rowdy and troublemaking underclassmen might be a real handful, but they are HIS handful, and he is damn proud of it.

- The Karasuno players board the minibus heading for their match against Shiratorizawa in the Miyagi Prefecture Final. Daichi tries to get everyone seated and asks for a headcount. Hinata notices that Yachi is missing.

- Kiyoko is sure that Yachi is present earlier, so everyone look around. She is kind of tiny after all, maybe they accidentally tucked her in a corner or misplaced her behind a piece of luggage... you never know.

- Daichi figures Yachi probably went to the restroom or something. Hinata worries that she might have run into some bad guys. Daichi thinks it is ridiculous because they are at school... where would the bad guys come from... but then again, it IS Yachi, who is so accident-prone that it is almost legendary... and the more he thinks about it, the more concerned he becomes. Daichi plans to check the club room just in case...

- Asahi spots Yachi, who is holding a box and running towards the minibus. Looks like she forgot something in the club room so she ran back to get it. Everyone is happy to see Yachi being safe and sound, and Yachi promptly picks the moment to trip and do a face-plant.

- Something black falls out of the box, and the wind picks it up and away it flies. The players realize it is Karasuno's banner. "FLY". Bold white letters on a solid black banner gracefully dancing in the early morning sky... it is almost a beautiful moment except for the whole their banner is flying away thing. *[BE FREEEEEE]*

- Daichi quickly dispatches Hinata, and he enthusiastically dashes out of the bus. Hinata glances at Yachi, but she heroically shouts "Leave me, save the banner—!". Hinata does his super jump and grabs the corner of the banner. For a moment, he looks like he is just going to float away with the banner. *[FREEEEEEEEEEEE]* The panicked team members are running out of the bus to save their child. Fortunately, gravity exists in this universe and Hinata does a perfect landing.

- Hinata helps Yachi up. Suga and Asahi watches with parental affection. Daichi makes sure they collected everybody and everything this time, and off they goes.

- Even though Yachi has only joined the team for a short amount of time, she quickly discovers one important and holy duty of a Karasuno's manager: making sure Hinata does not throw up everywhere and on everyone in the bus. Unfortunately, Hinata is not looking good right now. Poor kid insists that he is fine, but he is pale as a ghost and shaking like a chihuahua.

- Yachi and Yamaguchi are being helpful while Tsukishima is being the opposite of helpful and riles Hinata up. Despite feeling sick, Hinata argues with him and ends up getting more sick.

- Hinata is at his limit and this is now an emergency. Yachi looks at Kiyoko for help, and Kiyoko calmly starts opening windows. She instructs Yachi to make sure the air circulates and gives Hinata a bag just in case.

- Impressively, Kageyama has managed to sleep through the whole ruckus so far. Yachi wakes him up and desperately shouts that he needs to open the window. Kageyama takes one look at his neighbor, wakes up completely, throws open the window in record time and screams at Hinata.

- The fresh air and cold sport drink seem to do the trick, and Hinata feels better. Yachi and Yamaguchi continue to be helpful and discuss how to prevent future disasters. Yamaguchi notes that Hinata's sickness is probably due to nervousness rather than motion sickness. Yachi realizes that is why Hinata did not get sick during the Tokyo trip.

- Tsukishima continues to be the opposite of helpful and riles Hinata up some more. Now that Hinata is not feeling sick, he argues with Tsukishima.

- Daichi sighs. So much for thinking things are quieting down. Karasuno sure has lots of problem children joining this year... well, not that last year was any better. Daichi turns around and watches the juniors passionately fight over whether or not Shiratorizawa has cheerleaders. He sighs again.

- Then he wonders if Suga, Asahi and himself were troublemakers during their freshmen year. Nah. No way. Well. Maybe?

- Daichi suddenly notices that he does not hear Kageyama's screaming among all the screaming. He peeks between the seats and sees that Kageyama has passed out again.

- Asahi is envious that his underclassmen do not seem to feel the pressure of the upcoming match. He is already sweating bullets and they are not even at the Gymnasium yet. Suga laughs and says it's great that everyone is acting like their usual selves. Imagine if Hinata acts meek all of a sudden... now that would be something frightening and worrisome.

- Asahi tries to imagine a hot-blooded Tsukishima and a smiling Kageyama. Suga then says what if Yamaguchi suddenly turns into macho man. Asahi and Daichi laugh because everyone gets a personality change but poor Yamaguchi gets a body modification. Poor Yamaguchi is confused because he heard the seniors mentioned his name then they started laughing.

- Ennoshita notes that the seniors are acting like their usual selves.

- Around this time, Akiteru is leaving his house but he is startled by a suspicious figure. The man looks like a burglar... he wears a baseball cap, sunglasses and a face mask... oh, it's just Akiteru himself in the mirror. Oh haha. Oh god.

- Tsukishima told his brother "It's okay if you don't come", by which he meant "DO NOT COME". But it's his little brother, wearing Karasuno's uniform, playing in an important match. Akiteru remembers that once upon a time, a benchwarmer has the same dream: to defeat Shiratorizawa and play in the national stage.

- In a train station, Izumi and Kouji are heading to the Gymnasium. After watching Shouyou tried so hard for so long, Izumi and Kouji are going to be there to support and cheer for their dear friend.

- Karasuno arrives at the Gymnasium. Daichi can feel a tightness in his chest. During the Interhigh Preliminaries, the team did not come to the Gymnasium on the final day. And before that, they never made it past the first days of playoffs. And now, here they are, arriving on the final day.

- They finish unpacking when Michimiya and her friends approach. The Prefecture Final is on a Saturday, so the girls can come watch and support the boys' team. Michimiya is surprised by Daichi's bruise. Suga immediately starts herding everyone towards the Gymnasium. *[Good Guy Suga]*

- Yamaguchi turns around when he hears Michimiya loudly announces that she has something for Daichi. Yamaguchi takes one look at the blushing Michimiya and realizes what is happening. ~~Captain Obvious~~ Hinata loudly remarks that she is handing Daichi a charm. Yamaguchi blushes redder than Michimiya and tries to cover Hinata's big mouth.

- Kageyama is even worse; he is shamelessly and openly staring at Daichi and Michimiya. Yamaguchi drags him away, even Hinata tells him that it is rude to

stare at that kind of situation.

- Kageyama just doesn't understand what is going on: what is in that charm thing and how is that going to help them win and all that. Hinata calls him an idiot. Before Kageyama can iron-claw his face, Hinata runs away. And nobody try to stop the two idiots from running all over the place.

- Daichi comes back and cannot believe Hinata and Kageyama are still pulling a Tom and Jerry right before the Prefecture Final. Suga merrily says this one is Daichi's fault.

- Now Tanaka comes running and calling Daichi's name, and Daichi braces himself. Turns out it is just Izumi and Kouji coming to speak with Hinata. Daichi thinks about how Hinata from Yukigaoka and Kageyama from Kitagawa Daiichi end up on the same side of the court.

- The team steps into the energized Gymnasium. Most of the audience are cheering for Shiratorizawa. Daichi knows that Karasuno might as well be the away team. All they can do is focus on giving their best shot. Taking a deep breath, Daichi steps into the center court.

- And here it is. His first ever time stepping onto the center court. The place where once upon a time, "THAT Karasuno" stood.

- Daichi surveys the scene before him: Hinata and Yamaguchi are busy having stomachaches and trying to find the bathroom, Kageyama is busy being oblivious and impressed all by himself, and Tsukishima is busy sending death glares at his brother.

- These freshmen have absolutely no chill, and in a way, they are just so reliably business as usual.

- Daichi tells a nervous Hinata that they have to push forward. They have no time and effort to waste.

- At the same time, Daichi remembers that when he was a freshman, his time and effort seemed to be such a waste.

- He watched "that Karasuno" played on the national level when he was in junior high, and he wanted so badly to play for "that Karasuno" on the same stage.

- His hope was dashed when he faced the reality that Karasuno had fallen after Coach Ukai's retirement.

- The captain at that time said that they were aiming for the national title, but it soon became an empty goal. They faced the uncertainty of being looked over, and all their efforts might be fruitless in the end.

- If there is nothing, then all you can do is build something for yourself...

- Once again, he remembers his upperclassmen. He looks at his teammates and managers and the banner up above...

- **FLY**

- "That Karasuno" once fought under the same banner. But this is not "that Karasuno". This is "OUR Karasuno". This is a team they built for themselves.

- When Daichi announced they were aiming for the national title, he found out that his whole team was already on board. This new Karasuno might be rowdy and restless and makes an enemy out of the vice principal, but this is their Karasuno, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

- He looks at Asahi who is a nervous wreck, and Suga who is laughing at that nervous wreck. These are his teammates who have gone through the darkest time together with him, and he is grateful that they are standing together with him today.

- He looks at his juniors, then looks at his freshmen, and he thinks that in the near future, you guys too will build a team of your own...

- ...aaaaand the sentimental and touching moment is broken because Daichi needs to go yell at Tanaka and Noya for causing a scene crying about Shiratorizawa's cheerleaders.

- When Ushiwaka demonstrates his spike during the practice, the audience and the Karasuno players are stunned. Daichi knows that all of them will lose to Ushiwaka in an one vs. one, but with THIS Karasuno team, they will take Shiratorizawa in a six vs. six.

- Tanaka asks the oddball duo to perform their new technique, and the audience and the Shiratorizawa players are stunned.

- Aren't our rookies reliable?

RANDOM THOUGHTS:

If Karasuno loses, I am punching a wall. Don't make me punch a wall. Please.

About the illustration though... some pictures give you life, some give you a lifetime of trauma...

Next up is either Datekou's chapter or Shimmer Tsukky, if they haven't been translated already...

Ha-i-kyuu!!

Haikyuu!! Light Novel Vol 6 Illustration

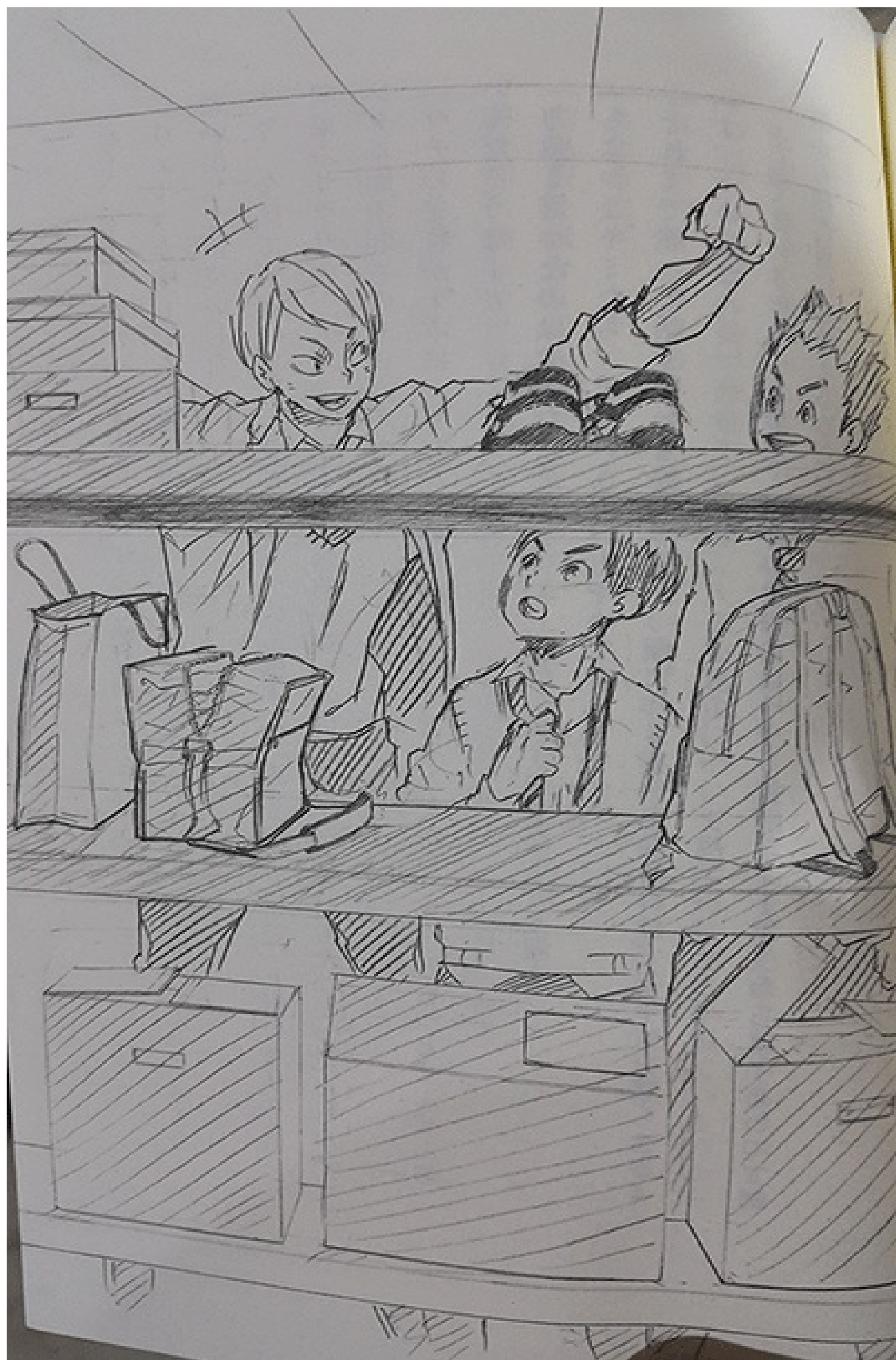
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[ENG] Haikyuu LN Vol 6



(Because the precious first year kittens are precious and everything about Nekoma is gold. It's quite short but I hope you enjoyed this chapter! Not beta'd. The content is under the cut~)

".....Shouyou and his team are advancing to the final," said Kozume while looking at his smartphone's screen.

The email had come from Hinata, who was fighting in the semifinal round of the Miyagi prefecture representative today. Hearing of the brilliant achievement of their worthy rival Karasuno high school, suddenly the Nekoma volleyball clubroom erupted in excitement.

"Seriously?!"

Lev, who had jumped up and down, peered into the screen and said, "Please let me see that too, please let me!" while Kozume scowled at him. Next to him, the libero Yaku commented, "Not bad.....!" with astonishment, while the vice-captain Kai gave a silent approving nod, "As expected."

The long term summer training camp, then the fall training camp. The Nekoma volleyball club members, who had deepened their friendship with Karasuno whilst training in the joint training camp with Fukurodani group, were happy about Karasuno's advancement as if they were the one who advanced.

There was a man who was giving a sidelong glance to the excited club members while grinning. He was the captain, Kuroo.

"So they're going to fight Ushiwaka after this, poor them~"

That's right. The one waiting for Karasuno in the final was the great ace who would take on any opponent in the world, Ushijima Wakatoshi, who commanded the unrivalled king Shiratorizawa Academy.

If they couldn't defeat the Shiratorizawa who was blocking their way, they wouldn't be able to move to the national stage.

"Like hell we're not going to lose hereeee!!"

To Yamamoto's intense yell, Kuroo shut him up with a shout of "You're noisy." while he listened to the first years, Shibayama and Inuoka talking.

"How strong is he? That Ushiwaka person."

“He often appeared in magazines, but I haven’t seen any of his match.”

Yaku joined in the juniors’ conversation, “Oh yeah, the first years haven’t seen Ushiwaka yet.”

For the first years who only heard from Yaku stories about Ushiwaka from what he saw during Spring High and Inter High, it didn’t quite ring any bells for them.

Just listening wouldn’t be able to measure his true strength nor by observing his match..... In actuality, there was an unseen pressure to face him for real that couldn’t be conveyed through the internet. Karasuno would soon experience that by themselves.

As if he was jealous, the “Poor them~” that Kuroo said do have a feeling. After all if you were reaching to the top, you couldn’t run away from formidable enemy.

“Will we see Ushiwaka this year too?”

“But that means Karasuno lost against them, then.”

“Ah, that’s right. But I want to see how strong he is... Bokuto-san is also amazing, but he’s said to be stronger, right.”

Lev, who had been chased away by Kozume, joined into Shibayama and Inuoka’s conversation.

“Because that Fukurodani’s Bokuto-san is in the top five and Ushiwaka is in the top three!”

Shibayama asked at Lev who was counting with his fingers, showing them that “Look, top three!”.

“I wonder how large is the difference between the top five and top three?”

“Hmm, when Bokuto-san doesn’t feel down and always in the top condition?”

While Lev said that with a slight trouble, the club members who remembered how bothersome Bokuto incessant ups and downs gave a strained laugh.

Now, the players who were called as the top three in the national were Tohoku’s [Ushiwaka], Kyushu’s [Kiriyuu] and Kanto’s [Sakusa]. The reason why

Bokuto's name wasn't on the list, was it because of the weakness of his mind that he often showed during the training camp.....

"But since our captain can block one time out of ten, he's definitely stronger right!!" Inuoka said vigorously. Shibayama and Lev both gave nods of approval "That's right."

"Wait a minute, can you guys please stop talking like that?" Kuroo who had been listening silently until then silenced the first years with a forced smile.

"I-I'm sorry!"

Right then, they realised that the second and third years had finished changing and going out and the first years hurriedly changing their school uniform into practice clothes.

But even after exiting the clubroom, the topic of Ushiwaka was still continuing. They began talking about which one was stronger between the strongest dinosaur or the largest insect, which might resemble the top players fighting in the national. Tyrannosaurus Rex was the strongest, no, but the Spinosaurus was the largest.

"I want to try going against Shiratorizawa!"

Inuoka, who was going to the gym in a hurry, said while Lev who had been walking forward turned around.

"Ushiwaka is third year, so if we want to do it, it's only this year then?"

"But if Shiratorizawa appears in the national that means Karasuno has lost..."

To Inuoka's words, Shibayama groaned "We want Karasuno to also win, after all..."

"But, rather than defeating Ushiwaka, maybe a [Supersize Rookie] will bring more attention!"

Lev hurried into the gym as he said it with a large voice and Kozume who saw that muttered.

"The only supersize about Lev is his height."

"Eh!!"

“Hey, don’t idle around and let’s start practice quickly.”

As Kuroo raised his voice that was akin to resignation, the first years were startled and hurriedly went to the equipment room.

“Until our representative playoff, there’s two weeks left.”

Like competing with Lev who was carrying the net braces on his arms, Inuoka clenched his fist.

“I will also work hard to play in the matches!”




“M-me too!”

With courageous voice, Shibayama who pushed the cart for balls in a hurry was followed by Inuoka and Lev. At the first years who finally arrived with the preparation, Kuroo looked at them with a grin.

Karasuno has been doing well and advanced. Then we, Nekoma, can’t lose as well. Our goal is that, at the Tokyo gymnasium, [Battle of the Garbage Dump]...

Until the Tokyo representative playoff, there are two weeks left.

End.

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SHIRATORIZAWA NOVEL CHAPTER TRANSLATION!!!

I was GOING to just loosely translate and summarize most of the chapter, but as I went along I just got more and more into it, so the result is kind of a jumbled mess of summarizing and direct translations! You should probably be able to tell when I'm translating and when I'm improvising though! But I do think I am giving you the full story here, so if you can keep along, then great! PLEASE ENJOY THE GOSH!!!!

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「王者」の次期エース見習い



THE CHAMPION ACE APPRENTICE!!!

SCENE ONE!!!

Remember the scene where Hinata and Kageyama follow Ushijima along to Shiratorizawa from the comic and tv show? Scene one begins where that scene

ended, with Ushijima looking intensely after the two of them as they leave.

SCENE TWO!!!

Just as Ushijima gets ready to enter the gym, the rest of the Shiratorizawalings return from their roadwork. You know, the one where they couldn't keep up with Ushijima because he's so gosh darned awesome, but that Hinata and Kageyama sort of COULD keep up with (this is emphasized). Ushijima just kind of ignores them but then a voice calls out to him, like someone squeezing out the last of his remaining willpower:

"Ushijima-san!" It is Goshiki!!! "I may have lost to you today, but an ace's quality doesn't have anything to do with how fast his legs work! Well I DO plan on surpassing you there as well, though!"

"Is that so, those guys were able to keep up, though," says Ushijima blankly as he finishes tying his shoes and walks over to the court.

Goshiki is like, "What, wait a minute, who are 'those guys'?"

Enter TENDO!!! who is cackling merrily as Goshiki starts looking around foolishly for rivals. Tendo's like, "The only ones able to keep up with Wakatoshi-kun would probably be stray dogs."

"DOGS!?" Goshiki lowers his line of vision about 30 degrees to include dogs in his rival search.

Whether Ushijima himself is listening to this conversation, nobody knows. He just kind of mutters things like "Concrete..." as he throws the ball he was holding into the cart.

Nobody except Ushijima knows that the ball was snatched by Hinata. It's not like

Ushijima is hiding that the two Karasuno members came over, he's just not the type of person to go around announcing stuff like that unprompted. (SWEET MERCY I LOVE USHIWAKACHAN)

Goshiki waltzes up to Ushijima without even flinching a little bit as he announces, "Anyway! I'll prove in the representatives match that I'm the one suited to be the ace!"

"Okay, good luck," Ushijima responds. (Can you believe it, this is a recurring exchange between these two!!!!)

Goshiki is upset that his passionate words are always brushed off so easily.

Tendo smiles faintly at the extremely passionate Goshiki. "Well isn't he energetic. Doesn't it get tiring though, constantly trying to appeal by competing like that."

"Tsutomu IS really strong, though..." enter REON!! (he is referred to as Ohira by the narrator but I'm so used to calling him Reon so I'm going with that) It seems like Goshiki heard that - his back prickles up in response.

Tendo alertly picks up on this, and in an attempt to drown out Reon, is like, "Stoop, Reon! No way, not yet! He's all talk! His bangs are really cool, though!"

Reon's like, "Well yeah, his bangs ARE pretty cool..."

Upset by his senpai's harsh talk, Goshiki turns around, on the verge of tears, to argue back. "Why do you do everything in your power deny me like that!!"

Surely, Tendo's teasing is because he too recognizes Goshiki's strength.

Goshiki is Shiratorizawa's only first year regular, so surely it wouldn't be an exaggeration to have high expectations of him as the next ace. But whether it's because he's just a first year competing with Ushijima way more than needed, because of his childlike behavior, or because of his blunt cut bangs, Goshiki can't help but feel he's being treated lightly by his senpais, and that Coach Washijo is the only one who takes him seriously. He is most displeased!!

What is it that Ushijima has that he doesn't have? Power? Stamina? The trust of his teammates...? Goshiki dwells on this, but is able to lift his head and push it aside.

He yells, "I'll catch up to you, I'll surpass you!"

SCENE THREE!!!

Next week! Monday! Lunch time! Goshiki wanders around the school cafeteria wondering what to eat, when he spots Ushijima sitting by a window with his hayashi rice. Goshiki is like ".....!" and orders not one, but TWO portions of hayashi rice! "First of all... I'll surpass him right here! Two hayashi rice, please!"

ENTER REON AND TENDO!!!

"Reon, what are you having?"

"Katsudon and seaweed salad."

"Ooh, healthy."

"Can you really call it healthy just because I'm adding a salad?"

"No way, it's totally healthy. Like, no matter how you think of it, seaweed udon is healthier than tempura udon?"

"Yeah, but the way you say it, you're implying that tempura udon becomes

healthy once you add a salad to it?”

“Huh? Sorry, could you repeat that?”

“Like...” While having their fun little conversation and looking for a place to sit, Reon spots Goshiki. “Hm? What’s with him, is he having a growth spurt?”

“Huh?” Tendo looks around and spots Goshiki who’s just focusing WAY too much on Ushijima and just straight up acting foolish, and Ushijima just not caring. Tendo smirks. “Isn’t he just competing with Wakatoshi-kun again?”

Reon’s like, “With hayashi rice?”

Reon and Tendo place their orders and make their way over to the hayashi rice table. Goshiki greets them while shoveling food into his mouth.

Tendo is having the chucks of his life. “Gee, Tsutomu, you sure can eat.”

Goshiki is too preoccupied to reply properly. Ushijima finishes his hayashi rice, drinks a mouthful of water, wipes his mouth, and takes his leave with a “seeya.”

“Yeah,” Goshiki responds, looking somewhat unsatisfied as he finished his first plate of hayashi rice. He takes a deep breath and takes on the second plate.

Tendo looks at his kohai while grinning. “You sure are working hard.”

“Not really,” Goshiki responds. “But Ushijima-san only ate one portion. I’m having two.”

Observing Goshiki who is already struggling with his second portion, Reon speaks

up. “Are you competing with him about that too?”

“A victory is a victory!”

“Well, if you’re okay with it...”

“Huh.” Goshiki looks up.

Ushijima has returned to the table. He has brought a portion of chicken katsudon and an onigiri with him.

“Are you... going to eat that!?” Goshiki asks.

“What do you do with food aside from eating it?”

“No, well.....” Goshiki goes silent as Ushijima finishes his additional food and leaves again.

Tendo, having been desperately suppressing his laughter with shaking shoulders up until now, finally burst out cackling.

Goshiki, his mouth hanging open, silently stares at Ushijima as he leaves the cafeteria.

Reon attempts to console him: “Well, look, I guess carbohydrates are important so it’s not going to waste, but... don’t push yourself too hard!”

“Y...yeah!” The rays of light bursting through the window dazzle brightly at the plate with hayashi rice still left on it, and the tears slowly filling up in Goshiki’s eyes.

SCENE FOUR!!!

After school, the Shiratorizawa volleyball team gets ready for practice. The members are gathered at the parking lot, about to start their roadwork.

“I won’t lose today!” Goshiki declares to Ushijima, brimming with confidence, before getting a head start and dashing off. Even his teammates, used to his behavior, are stunned.

“Tsutomu’s doing it again...”

“If Tanji-kun gets a hold of this he’s gonna smack a bitch.”

Only Ushijima remains unfazed. He simply looks ahead of where he’s headed, all like, “I’m off.”

“Okay!” the other teammates run off after him. The roadwork has started. Most of the members run without keeping up with Ushijima’s high pace, while others push themselves hard in order to try to keep up with him, but they end up not being able to.

Reon, Tendo and the other third years are just kinda like whatever; the main part of the training takes part at the gym, so there’s no point in tiring themselves out at this point. They run in silence aside from politely greeting people surprised by their group.

As they’re rounding corners in a quiet neighborhood, the ever alert Tendo speaks up, “Oh!”

Just ahead of them, they discover a fallen Goshiki. A worried Reon hurries over to assist him. “Tsutomu, are you all right?”

“The... the hayashi rice... it’s making a racket in my stomach...”

Reon is so relieved to hear this - it doesn’t look like Goshiki is hurt. Of course he’d be feeling unwell after shoveling in so much hayashi rice.

“Where’s Wakatoshi?”

“.....” Goshiki points bitterly up ahead, but there’s no sight of Ushijima. Ushijima would never just leave his fallen kohai behind, so he had probably passed Goshiki a long time ago. Perhaps Goshiki had been so upset about being passed that he pushed himself even harder, so of course he’d gone down like this.

Tendo looks down at Goshiki in astonishment. “Okaaay, we’ll just go on ahead of you.” He gets ready to bring the other teammates with him and continue along. “If it’s just overeating, it’s probably okay if only you stay behind, Reon?”

“Yeah, I’ll bring him back.”

“Counting on you. Okay, Tsutomu, don’t push yourself.”

Goshiki weakly bites his paling lip while listening to his senpais talk. It hurts even more to be pitied by the constantly wisecracking Tendo than it does to just be laughed off by him.

SCENE FIVE!!!

After his stomachache settles, Goshiki starts to head back to school with Reon.

“Aren’t you cold?” Reon asks.

“I’m okay. I’m sorry, I...”

Whatever an extremely sorry-looking Goshiki is painfully trying to say, Reon responds with “It’s okay, you don’t have to talk.” But upon seeing Goshiki’s very dissatisfied face, he wonders how far he’s going to take his struggles, and gets worried.

When Goshiki first joined the volleyball club, he’d only challenged Ushijima in volleyball. But as he personally got to witness Ushijima’s beyond high school power, Goshiki began comparing himself to Ushijima in strength measuring they did in class, and when he learned how much better Ushijima was in every regard, he started comparing things like lung capacity and eyesight. Today’s hayashi rice eating contest was a result in his desperation. Whatever would he think of next, and how would it end?

Some rather admonishing words spill out of Reon. “You know nothing will come of it if you do exactly what Wakatoshi does, right?” It’s charming that a first-year fledgling views the grand ace as his rival, but if he destroys himself in the process it won’t amount to anything. It doesn’t matter whether or not he amounts to whatever Ushijima does, Goshiki is an important team member and highly anticipated rookie. As a senpai, Reon doesn’t want Goshiki to waste his time on things like this.

Goshiki doesn’t say anything, but his face looks pained.

Reon continues. “Wakatoshi has his strong points, and you have yours, Tsutomu. There being two Wakatoshis wouldn’t do any good... or would it? If there were two, wouldn’t that be a good thing? Yeah, it would. Hm? No, even if there were two prodigies... but...”

Reon was attempting to guide Goshiki with some wise senpai-like words, but somehow, he ended up saying something he didn’t even quite understand

himself. Definitely because Ushijima is such an outstanding player.

Goshiki side-eyes the confused Reon while rubbing his stomach, seemingly in pain.

“Well, never mind that,” Reon mutters, setting aside the thought of two Ushijimas. There is only one Ushijima . “Anyway, you don’t just earn power like Wakatoshi overnight. You understand that, don’t you?”

“.....” Goshiki remains quiet, hanging his head as he plods along.

Reon continues. “Our ace is like a monster. Like being attacked by a shark in the ocean, or like running into a bear in the mountains. If you push yourself to compete...”

“But even a bear can fall if it’s hit!” Goshiki suddenly utters. He was looking about to fall over just a moment ago, but now he’s speaking clearly and looking right at Reon.

Reon is unable to speak in surprise for a second, then smiles. “Yeah, I think that’s it. You can’t win in power, so you need to prepare another weapon.”

“.....Huh?” Goshiki thought he’d be scolded for coming with such a bold remark.

Reon continues. “You probably have just that.”

“That...?”

“If there was a guy who really envied your control and technique, and thus tried to copy the way you eat... you get how that wouldn’t work?”

Goshiki's eyes sparkle. A flush returns to his pale face. He halts, clenches his fists, looks at his nearly same height senpai and says, "I get it! I get it!!"

"...Eh? You do? Well that's good." Reon is a little overwhelmed by Goshiki's sudden vigor, but all is well if Goshiki cheered up and looks ready to start running again.

But just then Goshiki lets out a moan, covers his mouth, and ducks into some nearby bushes.

"Uh... I... I won't lose... I won't lose..." Goshiki mutters incoherently, curling up while hurling.

Reon is dumbfounded. "You don't get it at all, do you?"

Still, Reon is a little jealous of Goshiki's straight-forward nature - when he was Goshiki's age and in the same year and the same position as Ushijima, he had not been able to view him as a rival at all. Everything was about pushing Ushijima's abilities to their fullest - that is Shiratorizawa's way of playing volleyball. Reon feels like Goshiki will become even stronger from here on. Either that, or he's just an idiot. Ushijima isn't who he's supposed to make his enemy, after all...

Reon sets that judgment aside for later. "Anyway, you really did eat so much that you threw up, huh..." he says, rubbing his kohai's back.

Maybe Goshiki's shameless desire to win against Ushijima comes from their victorious team itself. One could get the idea that for the reigning team, there are no enemies on the outside, so their rival can only be their own ace. Would the fact that Goshiki hasn't found anyone on the outside he feels like he must defeat bring them good fortune or bad?

“I won’t rely only on power like you, Ushijima-san, I’ll become an ace with control and technique!” Goshiki declares to Ushijima as he and Reon return to the gym.

The teammates close by snicker, and the ones far away approach them, wondering what it is this time.

Reon, looking up at the ceiling, laughs. “He really doesn’t get it after all...”

With his earnest and straight-forward kohai’s piercing gaze upon him, Ushijima’s expression is as solemn as always. “Is that so. Good luck.”

“Yeah!”

Goshiki replies as if he were a kid who just received praise, when a hoarse voice sounds from behind him.

“Tsutomu, so you wore yourself out from overeating...”

When he turns around, coach Washijo is standing there. The other members gather around Goshiki, nervous yet amused.

Goshiki replies clearly. “I’m all right now! I got rid of all of it!”

“.....You idiot!!”

The players automatically shrink back as their coach’s roar echoes through the gym, but Goshiki remains composed.

He will become the ace to surpass Ushijima!

He will show that he is the one suited to be the ace!

Goshiki won't falter as long as he has his strong passion and huge goal.

Though he has yet to realize what a good quality for an ace such a strong willpower is...

Ha-i-kyuu!!

here's a bonus comic from novel VI

kageyama: director! why don't i get an animal!?

hinata: animals hate you, kageyama, so you can't have any!

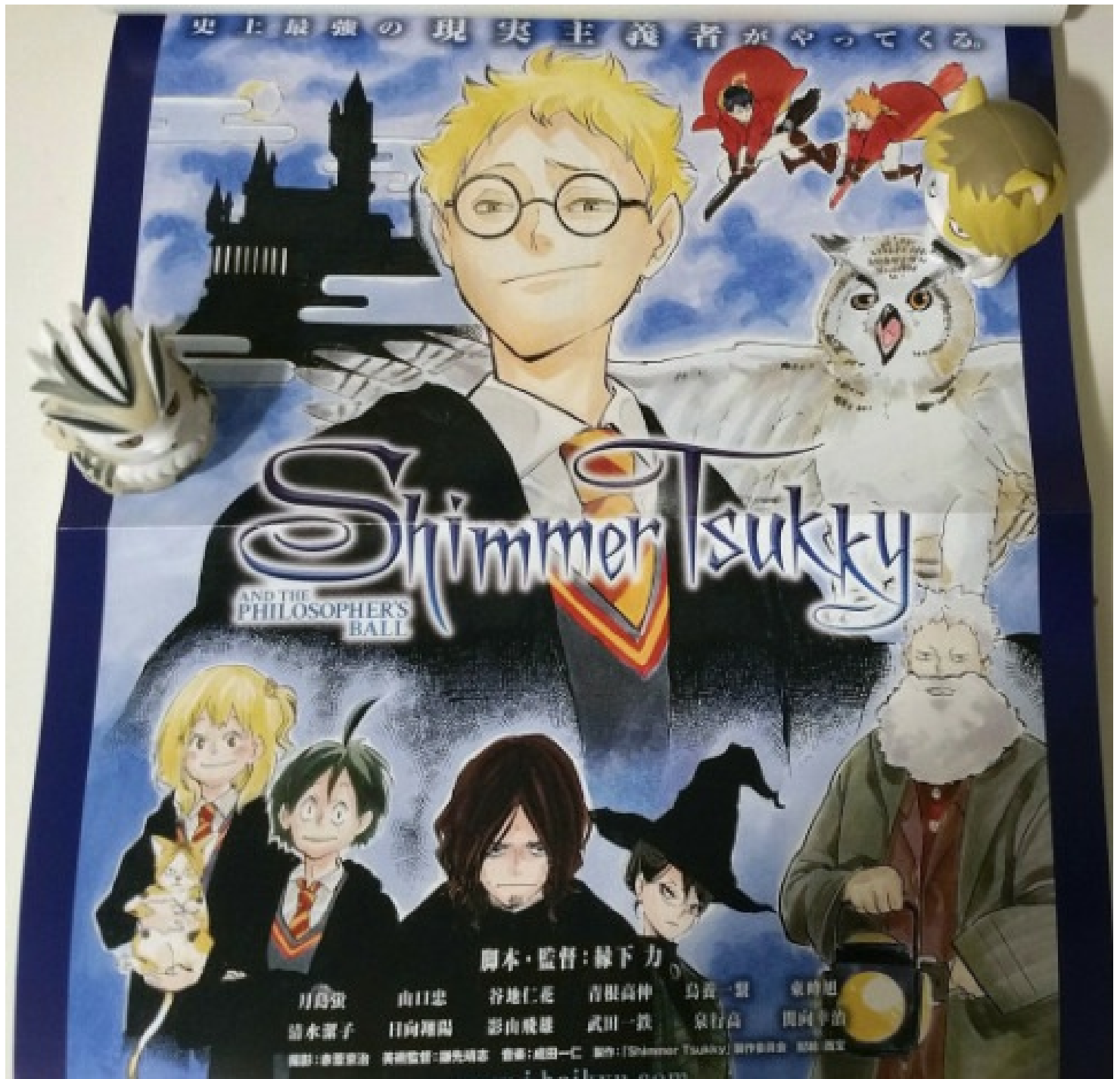
kageyama: why you!

tsukishima: would you knock it off with the triumphant look

hinata: that's a large frog! so cool!!!

frog: ribbit

Shimmer Tsukky and the Philosopher's Ball



The Boy Who Lived (for Dinosaurs Dragons). Let Director Ennoshita Chikara's Magic Begin.

Screenwriter & Director: Ennoshita Chikara

Camera: Akaashi Keiji

Art Director: Kamasaki Yasushi

Music: Narita Kazuhito

Starring: Tsukishima Kei, Yamaguchi Tadashi, Yachi Hitoka, Aone Takanobu,

Ukai Ikkei, Azumane Asahi, Shimizu Kiyoko, Hinata Shouyou, Kageyama Tobio, Takeda Ittetsu, Izumi Yukitaka, Sekimukai Kouji

- In an early morning, an owl descends on the house at Number 819 of Kuroo Drive. In the owl's beak is a letter that bears a wax seal of orange and black.

- Just when the owl is ready to drop the letter, the house's door opens. Out comes a boy with a pair of round glasses (Shimmer Tsukky) who is clearly not a morning person.

- Tsukky glares at the bird and says he is calling the Health Department. Feeling threatened, the owl bails.

- Tsukky picks up the letter and throws it in the trash. Then he climbs the stairs and returns to his very large bedroom.

- He is surprised to see a large man with a bushy beard (Aone) in his room.

- Tsukky calls the police.

- Aone asks about the letter, but Tsukky is not interested in anything he is saying. Aone is a little confused, Tsukky is being his sassy self.

- Aone informs Tsukky that he has been accepted to the prestigious VORREYBALL SCHOOL of WITCHCRAFT and WIZARDRY.

- Tsukky bursts out laughing. Seriously? Magic? How old are you? Are you okay and should I be concerned?

- Aone is agitated and starts counting all the awesome ways of magic: flying in the sky, creating illusions, transforming at will...

- "Hello, is this the Karasuno Police Station... there is a suspicious trespasser in my house... yes, my address is..."

- ...even controlling dragons and fight evil!!!

- *HOLD ON A SEC.*

- ***DID SOMEONE SAY DINOSAURS DRAGONS?***

- Tsukky politely hangs up on the cops, and Aone is confused by Tsukky's sudden change of attitude.

- Even though Aone is taller, Tsukky somehow manages to look down upon him

[some calls it a talent] and announces maybe he wouldn't mind attending this school.

- Tsukky gets to the Karasuno Station. According to his train ticket, he needs to go to Platform 8 and 1/9. GREAT START. He knows asking the guard is useless, so instead he calmly observes the station's structures for some hints.

- He is interrupted by a boy with freckles (Tadashi), who correctly assumes that Tsukky is also going to Vorreyball. He tells Tsukky that the train is leaving soon so they need to run... actually, they need to run anyway, because the entrance to Platform 8 and 1/9 will appear only if they run 10 laps around the train station.

- Tsukky is ready to go home.

- Tadashi encourages Tsukky not to give up, and starts counting all the awesome ways of magic: flying in the sky, creating illusions, transforming at will...

- *NO THANK YOU.*

- ...even controlling dragons and fight evil!!!

- **ARGH.**

- So they run 10 laps around the crowded station, and sure enough, Platform 8 and 1/9 is in front of them. Also in front of them: a body lying in a pool of sweat.

- Tsukky asks if the girl (Hitoka) is alive alright. Hitoka shakily answers but continues to be one with the ground. Tsukky picks up the roadblock girl *[Yachi; switch place with me]* and boards the train, and Tadashi remembers they have not introduced themselves.

- Tsukky introduces himself as Shimmer Tsukky, and Tadashi is so shocked that he almost passes out. Hitoka is so shocked that she wakes up.

- After enrolling in Vorreyball, Tsukky is fed up in record time because it turns out he is the younger brother of a legendary wizard. He has never met this brother, but he is getting plenty of totally unwanted attention from everyone. Most importantly, **he hasn't seen any dragons**. Unfortunately, it is actually illegal to own dragons in the magic world.

- Tadashi tries to cheer up Tsukky and tells Tsukky he saw something amazing.

Tsukky is not interested at all, and Tadashi is dejected... he should have known that Tsukky, being such a mature person, would not be interested in something as childish as a dragon...

- *HOLD ON A SEC.*

- Luckily ~~for Tsukky's maturity~~, Hitoka hears their conversation and she asks Tadashi to continue. Tadashi happily tells her that he saw a baby dragon at Aone's house.

- It is illegal to have a pet dragon, but Hitoka really wants to see the baby. Tadashi asks Tsukky if he wants to come along, and Tsukky ~~I LIVE FOR THIS MOMENT~~ indifferently replies that he does not believe such non-scientific creatures exist, but if they do exist, he needs to confirm with his own eyes. You know, for science and stuff.

- The three of them sneak out of the school and visit Aone at night. Tadashi asks about the dragon. Aone frowns, and his scary expression makes them anxious.

- Then Aone starts sobbing because the baby dragon has gone missing after being spooked by a calico cat.

- Tsukky heroically volunteers to search for the dragon.

- Tsukky notices something on top of a tree. He grabs a broom, and before Tadashi realizes what is happening, Tsukky flies up while dodging the branches like a pro.

- The shadow he saw on top of the tree is a crow, not a baby dragon.

- At the same time, Hitoka spots the cat that jumped the dragon. Tsukky rushes to the ground on his broom and catches the culprit without missing a beat. Tsukky finds the cat unpleasant, and apparently the feeling is mutual. The cat escapes to Hitoka.

- Tadashi and Hitoka are very impressed by Tsukky's flying, especially since the school has not taught them how to fly yet.

- Aone claims that it is expected of Shimmer Tsukky. Tadashi questions if it is really okay for plain old him to be friends with a legendary wizard's brother.

Tsunorekky responds that, well, he is not all that if he cannot even find one missing baby dragon, so stop putting him on a pedestal.

- Tadashi brightens up because he now realizes that no matter what Tsukky's background is, he will always be Tadashi's dear and important friend first and foremost. He also realizes something else... perhaps, maybe, could it be... that Tsukky likes dragons?

- Tsukky ~~NOT LIKE + FREAKING LOVE THEM~~ glares at Tadashi and denies this absolutely ridiculous accusation. Tadashi cheerfully responds "Sorry Tsukky!"

- The crow that Tsukky saw earlier lands in front of Aone's house and transforms into a stunningly beautiful witch. She is the Professor of Transfiguration, Kiyoko.

- The students are surprised and think they are in trouble for sneaking out at night. Professor Kiyoko asks Tsukky to come along. She requests Aone to take the other two students back to their rooms.

- After they enters Professor Kiyoko's room, she asks Tsukky if he knows what Volleyball is. Apparently, it is a popular team sport in which two teams are separated by a net, and each team tries to score points by grounding a ball on the other team's area under organized rules *[Source: Wikipedia]*... while flying on brooms.

- Kiyoko hands Tsukky a cloak and knee pads. After seeing Tsukky's flying skill, she believes that he will become the best Volleyball player in history.

- When Tsukky leaves Kiyoko's room, there is a gloomy man outside waiting for him. It is Asahi, the Professor of Black Magic.

- Professor Asahi is not Tsukky's biggest fan and always tries to embarrass him in classes with difficult questions.

- Asahi assumes Tsukky is joining the Volleyball team, even though Tsukky is undecided. Asahi taunts Tsukky about losing in the upcoming match against Asahi's House. Asahi leaves, and Tsukky is irritated.

- On the day of the match, Hinata rushes out to the field and enthusiastically shouts "THE SMELL OF AIR SALONPAS!". Kageyama jabs him and asks him what the hell is that. Evidently, that's a spell passed down in Hinata's family that

dispels nervousness.

- Tsukky wonders why he is stuck with these idiots.

- The match begins. The players take to the sky. Kageyama and Hinata waste no time to get in each other's way and scream at each other. Tsukky distances himself to observe the ball when he hears the commotions from the audience.

- Down below, people are panicking. The ground has cracked up to show an eerie red light... it is the eye of a monster.

- While everyone in the audience run for their lives, Hitoka and Tadashi spot Professor Asahi remaining seated, concentrating at the court and muttering something under his breath. Tadashi and Hitoka conclude that Asahi is summoning the monster because he hates Tsukky. The two head for Asahi in an attempt to stop him.

- Then they get close enough to hear Asahi... *No way NO WAY NO FREAKING WAI NO NONONOE I AM DONE WHAT THE HECK IS THIS MONSTER IS SCARY SCARY SCARYSCARY...*

- The monster has crawled out of the ground, revealing its large wings, long scaled neck and fire-spitting mouth.

- Hinata decides to kick the monster's ass and tells Kageyama not to get in the way. Kageyama responds by telling Hinata not to drag him down. Behind them, Tsukky starts shaking.

- Unlike Asahi, Tsukky is not shaking due to fear. He is shaking due to pure unadulterated excitement.

- **DRAGON.**

- Tsukky approaches and reaches out for the dragon. Hinata warns him that it is dangerous. Tsukky calmly casts a lightning spell...

- ...at Hinata and Kageyama, who barely dodge the attack. Hinata and Kageyama *[and I]* wtf'd.

- Tsukky sneers. Now that he has the dragon, Vorreyball can go to hell. Let the battle begins.

RANDOM THOUGHTS: Um... all is well? For Tsukki at least? Maybe they should

have done *How to Train Your Dragon* instead... I am a little disappointed that some people from the casting list, like Izumin and Kouji, did not really show up in the story. I feel cheated, haha.

By the way, **HAPPY HOLIDAY AND HAVE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR, you wonderful and beautiful people!!!** I will be ~~rolling down a mountain~~ skiing and stuffing food in my face and pretending to like some of my relatives for the next two weeks, so I summarized this Shimmer Tsukky chapter as quickly as I can lol **HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY!!!**